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Representative Pete Lund, Chair
Redistricting and Elections Committee
374 Capitol Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairperson Lund,

As the election official for the largest county in Michigan, I am contacting you regarding HB 4907, HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, HB 4912 and HB 4992.

I am very supportive of HB 4907, HB 4909, HB 4910, HB 4911, and HB 4912 that would move the filing deadline for local ballot questions to the twelfth Tuesday prior to an election. This change would be in line with the filing deadline for candidates seeking office and would allow preparation for ballot printing to take place earlier than we have at this time.

In addition, I am very supportive of HB 4992 which would remove the instructions from the ballot. More individuals are seeking political office and more legislative bodies, as well as citizens, are interested in placing questions on the ballot. With the increase, it is likely that we would have to use two (2) ballots which would be a nightmare especially for Wayne County. The removal of the instructions would allow more space on the ballot for the reasons noted.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 313-224-5525.

Sincerely,

Cathy M. Garrett
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